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Country: USSR

Subject: Alleged Mass Execution in Birobidzhan Labor Camp

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1. "About 300 Jews, all of them former officers and men of the Soviet Army have been kept in a forced labor camp known as Speclager Amur 3, on the Amur River close to the Chinese frontier. Some of the Jews were also former MVD officials. The camp is considered a punitive institution. It is administered by the MVD, headed by Capt. (fnu) Igolkin. All the prisoners have sentences of 20 years or more.
2. "On 5 and 6 March 53 something must have happened in the camp. Outsiders suspect a mutiny among the prisoners. The results were tragic: the camp, witnessed the mass execution of about 200 men. It lasted almost ten hours. Survivors have been sent out and locked in another punitive camp in the area of Soyuznos [Soyuznoye?]."
3. "Rumors reaching the West do not exclude the possibility of a provocation on the part of the authorities to get rid of unwanted elements."

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